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RE: Snake River Las Vegas Pipeline

This is the worst proposal I have ever heard! You cannot take water out of an aquifer that runs under two states, and pretend that you are only taking water from northern Nevada, but are not taking water from northern Utah. Las Vegas should stop allowing people to move there, and immediately begin rationing water, if that is how dire the amount of water is. They should eliminate the golf courses, which are a HUGE source of water usage. At the same time, Utah needs to decrease the amount of population increase, as we won't have the resources to support increased population in 30 years either

Once an aquifer is drained, the water is gone. We cannot ever guarantee that the water will be replaced. We have been fortunate this year in Utah to have record amounts of rain, but we have no guarantee that we will see that again for another 50 years.

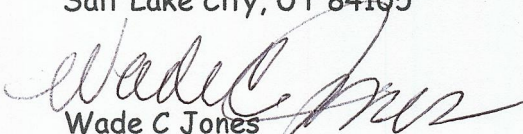
If you allow the aquifer to draw down, it will dry up the land above, which means that any vegetation which is now there on the West Desert of Utah, and Eastern Nevada, will dry up for lack of water. That means when the storms come, the dust will blow across that desert and make life miserable for those of us who live in Utah. We already have terrible air pollution, but adding dust to the air will make that many times worse.

As our population grows, we need food for the people. If the land around us, including the farms in the west desert of Utah, cannot produce crops or sustain animals, we will be forced to import food from other states or countries. As the world increases in population, neither other states nor other countries will have surplus food to export to us. We should not be short sighted to draw down this water so we cannot grow crops and animals, because we are going to need every bit of arid land in the future to sustain ourselves.

Please do not approve this pipeline.



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